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Masamichi Saito et al.	)	Examiner: Wellington, Andrea L
Serial No. 10/823,473	)	Art Unit: 2627
Filing Date: April 13, 2004	)	
For: CPP GIANT MAGNETORESISTIVE HEAD WITH	)	
LARGE-AREA METAL FILM PROVIDED	)	
BETWEEN SHIELD AND ELEMENT	)	

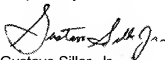
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Dear Sir:

Applicant filed the above-identified application on April 13, 2004, but has not yet received a first Office Action. Please advise the undersigned attorney as to when a first Office Action is expected to issue on this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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